

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2527

Relating to regulation of private security entities

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Sanchez

HB 2527 requires licensure of private security entities by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and provides a process for obtaining licensure, including an investigation into the character, competency, and reliability of the applicant. DPSST would also be able to sanction entities for violations. The measure provides whistleblower protections for private security providers, requires licensed entities to provide training on preventing workplace harassment, discrimination, and sexual assault, and requires those using the services of a private security entity to verify the licensure of the entity before hiring. The measure requires DPSST to establish fees for issuing licenses to private security entities, which may not exceed the direct costs of administering the program.

The recommended amendment provides \$665,972 Other Funds expenditure limitation to DPSST for the three positions (3.00 FTE) required to implement the measure.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2527 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.